

Upon motion of Senator Guinn, Senator Stell was excused until Wednesday, the 29th inst.

Senator Burney moved to reconsider the vote adopting the resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee to employ a clerk for that committee; and upon further motion of Senator Burney, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table until Monday next, the 27th inst.

Senator Shelley, from the Committee on State Affairs, reported the following substitute for a bill entitled "An Act for the regulation of pilots":

To the President of the Senate:

The Committee on State Affairs have had the bill to amend "An Act entitled an act for the regulation of pilots," under consideration, and instruct me to report the accompanying substitute, and recommend its adoption and passage.

Respectfully submitted,

N. G. SHELLEY,

For Committee on State Affairs.

Upon motion of Senator Shelley, the reading was dispensed with, and received to come up in order.

Upon motion of Senator Cook, the Senate, in conformity with the resolution adopted on yesterday, adjourned until 10 o'clock next Monday.

Carried.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, Aug. 27, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of Friday the 24th inst., read and adopted.

Senator Reed presented a petition, with an accompanying bill, from citizens of Victoria county, asking passage of a bill authorizing A. H. Cromwell to build a mill-dam across the San Antonio River, in Victoria county.

Bill read first and second times, and referred to Committee on Manufactures and Commerce.

A special message was received from His Excellency the Governor.

Senator Yarbrow presented a petition, with bill accompanying, from sundry citizens of Navarro county, asking passage of a bill for the relief of the citizens of Navarro county.

Bill read first and second times, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Record, Chairman of Judiciary Committee, reported as follows:

Committee recommends passage of a bill transferring the settlement of the estate of Allen Urquhart deceased, from the County Court of Titus county, to County Court of Marion county.

Report received.

Also, reported and recommended passage of a substitute for House bill, to legalize the acts of all the officers appointed by the Provisional Governor of the State, or elected under the present Constitution and Laws, on the 25th day of June, 1866.

Report received to come up in order.

Also, reported and recommended the passage of a substitute for a bill to select a special Judge in particular cases.

Report received to come up in order.

Also, reported back a bill to emancipate W. R. Fenner and Charles W. Hill, and recommend that it do not pass.

Report received.

Also, reported back a bill to authorize the issuing of writs of garnishment in certain cases, as in cases of attachments, and recommended that it do not pass.

Report received.

Senator Guinn, Chairman of Committee on Finance, reported as follows:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
August 27, 1866. }

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of the Senate:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a Senate bill making appropriation to pay the per diem and mileage of J. B. Boyd, delegate to the late Convention, have duly considered it, and a majority of the Committee have instructed me to report a substitute for the same, and recommend its adoption and passage.

R. H. GUINN, Chairman.

Report received to come up in order.

Senator Neyland reported as follows:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Austin, Aug. 27, 1866. }

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of the Senate:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined and found

correctly engrossed "a bill to fix the pay and mileage of the members of State Legislature."

W. M. NEYLAND, Chairman of Committee.

Senator Yarbrow, Chairman of Committee on Manufactures and Commerce, reported, and recommended the passage of a substitute for the bill for the relief of the Brazos Manufacturing Company.

Report received to come up in order.

Senator Reed, Chairman of Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, reported, and recommended the passage of a substitute for a bill to authorize James E. Harrison, Sr., to erect a Toll Bridge over Tehuacana Creek, in the county of McLennan.

Report received to come up in order.

Senator Cook introduced a bill to organize the County Court, and to define the powers and jurisdiction thereof.

Upon motion of Senator Burney, rule was suspended, bill was read by caption, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

Senator McDade, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be instructed to inquire into the necessity and importance of the passage of a law regulating apprentices, and adoption of a suitable apprentice system, and report by bill or otherwise.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Knox offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The late Convention of the people of the State of Texas, passed an ordinance "declaring the war debt void, and for other purposes," the third section of which said ordinance is in the following words, to-wit:

"Be it further ordained, That the Legislature of this State shall have no authority, and are hereby forbidden to assume or make any provision for the payment of any portion of the debts contracted or incurred, or warrants issued by this State from the 28th January, 1861, until the 5th day of August, 1865, except warrants issued in payment of services rendered or liabilities incurred before the said 28th day of January 1861," the effect of which said section is to repudiate the civil debt of this State incurred in the administration and enforcement of the laws, in the preservation of the social and political organization of the State, and for other objects, the promotion and support of which are enjoined by reason, humanity and christian duty; and whereas the said ordinance being neither general or organic, but special and objective, should have been submitted to the people for ratification, which was not done; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate, that the said third section of the said ordinance should be repealed, the same being in principle immoral and unconscientious, its purpose dishonest and fraudulent, and its operation perfidious and unjust, and that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report the proper mode of repealing the same, and a bill or resolution for that purpose.

• Adopted.

Senator Record introduced a bill to authorize the State Treasurer to employ an extra clerk for the term of six months.

Bill read first and second times, and referred to Committee on Finance.

Upon motion of Senator Burney, the special message of His Excellency was taken from the President's desk and read, and upon motion of Senator Guinn, was made the special order of the day for Wednesday next at 11 o'clock.

Senator Selman, Chairman of Special Joint Committee, to whom was referred a bill to amend certain acts therein named, attaching the counties of Kendall and Blanco to the Fourth Judicial District, reports, suggesting that bill had been improperly referred, and recommends the reference of the bill to the Judiciary Committee, to which, in the opinion of the Committee, it properly belongs.

Report received to come up in order.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of a joint resolution endorsing the President of the United States, the resolution was taken from the President's desk, read, and upon motion of Senator Burney, made the special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The joint resolution relating to the appointment of a committee to visit the Penitentiary, was taken up, read, and upon motion of Senator Jowers, laid upon the table for the present.

The motion of Senator Burney, to reconsider the vote adopting a resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee to employ a clerk, was, upon motion of Senator Foscoe, laid upon the table.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A Senate bill to incorporate the San Antonio Ice Company, was taken up, read second time, and ordered to be engrossed; and upon motion of Senator Guinn, rule was suspended, bill read third time, and passed by the following two-thirds vote:

YEAS—Senators Braswell, Blount, Brown, Burney, Cook, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Foscue, Guinn, Jowers, Knox, Lane, Littleton, McDade, Neyland, Parker, Randolph, Record, Reed, Saufley, Shelley, Truitt and Yarbro—23.

NAYS—None.

Upon motion of Senator Knox, Senator Reed was added to the Committee on Internal Improvements; and upon motion of Senator Jowers, Senator Burney was added to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

The Committee on Finance having reported adversely upon a resolution relating to the appointment of a committee to make out and report a schedule of distances, &c., upon motion of Senator Jowers, the report was adopted.

Upon motion of Senator Jowers, the report of the Committee on State Affairs, in relation to resolution proposing to set apart — acres of land as a cemetery for the noble dead of Texas, &c., was adopted.

House bill to incorporate the Hebrew Benevolent Society of Galveston, was taken up, read second time, and upon motion of Senator Foscue, rule was suspended, bill read third time, and passed by the following two-thirds vote:

YEAS—Senators Braswell, Blount, Boyd, Brown, Burney, Cooley, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Foscue, Guinn, Jowers, Knox, Lane, Nelson, Neyland, Parker, Record, Reed, Selman, Shelley, Truitt and Yarbro—22.

NAYS—None.

Substitute, reported by Committee on State Affairs, for bill for the regulation of pilots, was taken up, adopted, read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill changing the boundaries of the corporation of the city of Austin, was taken up, read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to incorporate the San Antonio Mechanics' and Laborers' Association, was taken up.

The following amendment, reported by the Committee on State Affairs, was adopted:

Amendment: after the word "proper" in fourth line, 2d Section, insert the words, "not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the State."

Bill read second time, and ordered to be engrossed; and upon motion of Senator Parker, rule was suspended, bill read third time, and passed by the following two-thirds vote:

YEAS—Senators Braswell, Blount, Boyd, Brown, Burney, Cook, Cooley, Coppedge, Foscue, Guinn, Jowers, Knox, Lane,

Littleton, McDade, Nelson, Parker, Randolph, Record, Reed, Selman, Shelley, Truitt and Yarbrow—24.

NAYS—None.

A bill to defray the contingent expenses of the Eleventh Legislature, on its second reading, was taken up, and upon motion of Senator Shelley, was amended by striking out the word *ten*, wherever it occurs, and inserting the word *fifteen*.

Bill read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to incorporate the Houston Direct Navigation Company, was taken up, read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Senator Neyland, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
August 28, 1866. }

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Neyland, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, have examined and find correctly engrossed:

“A bill making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Eleventh Legislature.”

A bill to be entitled “An act changing the boundaries of the corporation of the City of Austin.”

A bill to amend the 9th section of “An act entitled An act for the regulation of Pilots.”

A bill to be entitled “An act to incorporate the Houston Direct Navigation Company.”

W. M. NEYLAND,
Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Report accepted.

Senator Guinn, Chairman of Committee on Finance, made the following report:

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a Senate bill authorizing the State Treasurer to employ an extra clerk for the term of six months, have duly considered it, and believe